

I thank the men and women of the Rochester Fire Department for their bravery and hard work. It is truly an honor to serve them and all of the firefighters in our great state.●

TRIBUTE TO CINDY TAYLOR

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to Cindy Taylor upon the occasion of her being recognized as the Merrimack Chamber of Commerce 1999 Business Person of the Year. Cindy has faithfully served the chamber and its members for the past two years, and she has become an example for other volunteers to follow.

Her position with the Public Service Company of New Hampshire inspired Cindy to become involved with the chamber in 1998. She was almost immediately nominated as the ambassador at various chamber events. In 1999, Cindy became vice president of membership for the chamber. With Cindy at the helm, the committee increased its numbers by 20%. During this period, Cindy also co-chaired the annual banquet committee. This position required an extensive amount of effort in planning and executing the celebration. Cindy's participation in any project guarantees organization, dedication and quality. She is one whose input is valued on all projects, and who desires to hear the opinions of others. She is truly a team-player, and was subsequently nominated as Chamber President for the year 2000.

Cindy, it is a pleasure to represent such a valuable woman from New Hampshire in the United States Senate. Mary Jo and I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors. May you always continue to inspire those around you.●

TRIBUTE TO TERRY WHELOCK

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Terry Wheelock upon the occasion of his receiving the Merrimack Chamber's Presidential Award. Terry has been with the Chamber for many years, and he has proven himself to be an integral asset. Terry has invested much effort, time, and dedication to chamber events and meetings. His love of the game of golf has aided the chamber through fund-raising tournaments. His personality fills the group with enthusiasm, and his talents constantly gain praise from his peers. His warmth and personality have been a constant positive influence for those around him. Mary Jo and I applaud his devotion and hard work for the Merrimack Chamber.

Terry, it is a pleasure to represent you in the United States Senate. I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors. May you always continue to inspire those around you.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to

the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:47 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3822. An act to combat international oil price fixing.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1287. An act to provide for the storage of spent nuclear fuel pending completion of the nuclear waste repository, and for other purposes.

MEASURE REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3822. An act to combat international oil price fixing; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3081. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax benefits for small businesses, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the minimum wage, and for other purposes.

S. 2267. A bill to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish a program to support research and training in methods of detecting the use of performance-enhancing substances by athletes, and for other purposes.

The following bill, received previously from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read twice and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1725. An act to provide for the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management to Douglas County, Oregon, of a county park and certain adjacent land.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-8129. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of proposed legislation relative to appropriations and military personnel strengths for

fiscal year 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8130. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the event-based decision making for the F-22 aircraft program for FY 2000 and on event-based decisions planned FY 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8131. A communication from the Deputy Director, Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense transmitting, pursuant to law, the FY 1999 annual report of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8132. A communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Multi-Technology Automated Reader Card Demonstration Program-Smart Cards in the Department of the Navy"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8133. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on contingent liabilities under Title XII, Vessel War-Risk Insurance Program for 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8134. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's certification of employers' labor condition applications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8135. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Exempt Anabolic Steroid Products" (RIN1117-AA51), received March 21, 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8136. A communication from the Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program" (RIN1115-AF51) (INS No. 2000-99), received March 22, 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8137. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Exemption from Chemical Registration for Distributors of Pseudoephedrine and Phenylpropanolamine Products" (RIN1117-AA46), received March 21, 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8138. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Legislative Affairs transmitting an analysis of proposed legislation regarding police powers for Inspector General Agents engaged in official duties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8139. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to travel expense for Federal employees; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8140. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to additions to and deletions from the Procurement List, received March 21, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8141. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate System; Change in the Survey Cycle for the Orleans, LA, Non-appropriated Fund Wage Area" (RIN3206-